

REPORT FROM

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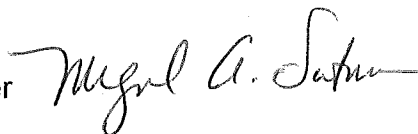
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Council File No. 11-2004

Council District: 9

To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Motion Relative to Costs of Occupy LA Protest (C.F. 11-2004)

Subject: **PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE FOR OCCUPY LA PROTEST**

SUMMARY

The Council adopted a Motion on November 30, 2011 directing the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report back on the costs for salaries, overtime, and other expenses related to the Occupy LA protest that occurred primarily in City Hall Park during the months of October and November 2011 (C.F. 11-2004). On December 1, 2011, the CAO issued directions to Departments for reporting costs associated with the protest, the results of which are provided in the Attachment of this report.

The Attachment reflects Department reported expenditures and estimated costs to date of \$2,350,847. Of this amount, about \$1.7 million are for Additional Costs that will increase the current budget shortfall of \$72 million. Departments have been instructed to absorb or mitigate \$21 million of the budget shortfall; this Office will report back in the Mid-Year Financial Status Report on related service impacts and on how the remaining deficit will be addressed.

The Attachment segregates costs into Standard Operating Costs (\$590,759) and Additional Costs (\$1,760,088). Standard Operating Costs include salary and overhead expenditures for non-overtime work that would have been incurred whether or not the protest had occurred. For example, the Fire Department deployed Inspectors to the protest as part of their regular work days throughout October and November 2011. Additional Costs include those in excess of Standard Operating Costs that were incurred as a result of the protest. For example, the Police Department paid overtime when its Officers evacuated the park on November 30, 2011. Key Additional Costs include:

- Total overtime costs: \$1,634,987. Overtime costs were primarily incurred for police enforcement by the Police Department and the Department of General Services, Office of Public Safety.
- Supplies, fencing, and estimated costs for park infrastructure repairs such as lawn lighting, electrical outlets, and signage: \$125,101.

The Attachment does not include the following items inasmuch as their associated costs cannot yet be determined or have not been reported to this Office:

- The Recreation and Parks Department is currently in discussions with the Mayor and City Council, Neighborhood Councils, and members of the public relative to how the park should be restored--to its original state or an alternate design. Until the final park restoration plan is determined, an accurate cost estimate cannot be made. During the course of the protest, the Department made an early, rough estimate of the cost to restore the park to its original condition of \$400,000. The outcome of discussions about the park design will directly impact the final cost of the restoration which will likely change.
- The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) has requested assessments and cost estimates from two qualified sculpture conservation firms for repairs to three cultural/historical monuments which have damage from thick paint poured on the lower surfaces, graffiti, and stickers being affixed to them: Flint Fountain, the Bill of Rights Memorial, and the Brody Memorial Bench. The Department expects to receive the conservator cost estimates by the end of December 2011; the DCA recommends that the restoration work be completed by a fine arts conservation firm with whom they would contract. The cost for the restoration could potentially be offset with insurance proceeds from the City's private Fine Art insurance policy; the DCA and CAO Risk Management Group are working with the insurance adjuster to prepare a claim.
- The Police Department has reported estimated paid overtime of \$1.2 Million and supply costs of \$30,000. Costs for regular, non-overtime salaries, overhead costs, and overtime paid as compensated time off have not yet been reported by the Department.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note and file this report inasmuch as it is for informational purposes only.

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Attachment

Attachment: Preliminary Occupy LA Cost Estimate

Department	Standard Operating Costs*	Additional Costs*			Total	Notes
		Overtime	Equipment, Supplies, Repairs	Total Additional Costs		
Board of Public Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	Cost for graffiti abatement.
Bureau of Sanitation	40,784	3,589	10,509	14,098	54,882	
Bureau of Street Lighting	1,242	512	302	814	2,056	
Bureau of Street Services	15,918	9,759	3,656	13,415	29,333	
City Attorney	187,916	-	-	-	187,916	Costs for consultation provided to the Mayor, Department of General Services, and Police Department.
Emergency Management Dept.	23,019	2,343	-	2,343	25,362	
Fire Dept.	44,617	27,546	-	27,546	72,163	
General Services	170,073	335,266	66,414	401,680	571,753	All overtime for Office of Public Safety Officers except \$845 for Building Maintenance. Of the \$335,266 in overtime, \$199,007 was paid overtime and \$135,414 was Compensated Time Off
Information Technology Agency	11,869	5,459	-	5,459	17,328	
Police Dept.**	TBD	1,200,000	30,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	The reported overtime costs are for paid overtime only and will increase if the Department reports overtime paid as compensated time off. Supplies purchased include: Restraint cuffs, bags, portable toilets and light towers at the staging area, and signage. The Department is in the process of calculating its Standard Operating Costs.
Dept. of Recreation and Parks	85,531	20,794	10,000	30,794	116,325	Park restoration costs are not included as they cannot be determined until the final restoration plan is established. Supply costs include \$10,000 for rental of the fence around the park.
Transportation Dept.	9,790	29,719	1,520	31,239	41,029	
Total	\$ 590,759	\$1,634,987	\$ 125,101	\$1,760,088	\$2,350,847	

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** The Police Department estimated the identified costs; actual costs will be different than those shown.